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AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

AMEMBASSY TOKYO

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SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECTS: NUCLEAR POWER DEVELOPMENT -- MALAYSIA

1. DAVID LU AND EMBASSY OFFICER VISITED THIRTY-ONE MAY
A. MANATH, EPUTY GENERAL MANAGER (PLANNING AND CON-
STRUCTION), NATIONAL ELECTRICITY BOARD, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE
FOR NEB NUCLEAR POWER PROGRAM. RAMANATH SAID THAT GOM
COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR POWER DEVELOPMENT (INTER-AGENCY
GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE) WANTS RESEARCH NUCLEAR REACTOR BID
BY ONE JAN 75.

2. GOM INTERESTED IN GENERAL ATOMIC CORP. TRIGA TYPE
REACTOR FOR RESEARCH CENTER. TENDERS FOR REACTOR WILL
BE LET IN NEAR FUTURE. RAMANATH ASKS WHETHER SEVERAL
EXPERTS FROM GENERAL ATOMIC CORP. COULD VISIT MALAYSIA
SOONEST TO DISCUSS TRIGA REACTOR WITH GOM COMMITTEE.

3. EMBASSY ALREADY CONTACTED BRIAN H. GAMBRILL, SINGAPORE
GULF PLASTICS, LTD., WHO ALERTED GENERAL ATOMIC REP IN
TOKYO. EMBASSY SENT TO GAMBRILL COPIES OF GOM BASIC
NUCLEAR POWER DEVELOPMENT PLANS, RECENT PAPERS PREPARED
BY NATIONAL ELECTRICITY BOARD FOR GOM COMMITTEE, AND
REQUEST FROM NEB FOR PRELIMINARY COST DATA ON REACTOR
FOR RESEARCH CENTER. EMBASSY ALSO URGED THAT GENERAL
ATOMIC TOKYO REP VISIT MALAYSIA.

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4. ACTION REQUIRED: PLS CONTACT GENERAL ATOMIC CORP.

IN US TO ASSURE THAT APPROPRIATE INDIVIDUALS WILL VISIT
KUALA LUMPUR TO DISCUSS AND TO ANSWER QUESTIONS REGARDING
THEIR PROCESS WITH GOM COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR POWER
DEVELOPMENT. EMBASSY FEELS THAT AN AWARD OF RESEARCH
REACTOR TO US SOURCE WOULD PLACE US IN EXCELLENT POSITION
FOR CONTRACTS FOR FUTURE COMMERCIAL NUCLEAR POWER PROJECTS.
THERE IS COMPETITION FROM CANADA, FRANCE, AND USSR. PLS
ADVISE RESULTS OF DISCUSSIONS WITH GENERAL ATOMIC.

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